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SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST DON-USMC-2023-011090

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 23, 2023, in which you seek information about a possible UAP sighting. Your request was received by this office on May 23, 2023 and perfected on May 23, 2023. This request was assigned the file number DON-USMC-2023-011090.

During our search, we contacted MAGTFTC/MCAGCC Range Control, Communication and Strategy Operations, and MAGTFTC Training Command for responsive documents. Your request was processed under Privacy Act and FOIA to give you the most information available as applicable to your request. My review included consideration of the 'foreseeable harm standard', i.e., information which might technically fall within an exemption should not be withheld from a FOIA requester unless the agency can identify a foreseeable harm or legal bar to disclosure. Review of the identified documents revealed that it is partially exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6), since it contains information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(1)(a) applies to properly classified documents. In this instance, the redacted documents contain Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), as well as For Official Use Only (FOUO) information. The redacted documents, photos, and videos are available to the public at the following website:

<https://www.29palms.marines.mil/FOIA04202021/>

We have categorized you as an "other requester" for the purpose of assessing FOIA processing fees. As such, you are entitled to two hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication free of charge but are responsible for the payment of any fees beyond that. In this instance, however, no fees were assessed in responding to this request.

Because your request has been denied, in part, you may consider this to be an adverse determination that may be appealed to Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Navy, Freedom of Information Act Appeals Office (5A532), 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-1000. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from

the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Sally Hughes, at hqmcfoia@usmc.mil or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

I am the official responsible for this determination. Should you have questions about this action, please contact FOIA/PA Coordinator Ms. Melissa Silva via email at melissa.silva@usmc.mil. Please reference the file number in the subject line above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. A. SUGGS", written over a horizontal line.

D. A. SUGGS
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Chief of Staff